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Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 22, 2003**, regarding the above-identified subject matter, the Applicant hereby respectfully submits the following amendment and response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Comments and Responses begin on page 18 of this paper.

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